

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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Public Notice No. 15-033
NPDES No. CA0064068

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE
OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Lincoln Avenue Water Company South Coulter Surface Water Treatment Plant	3939 Chaney Trail Altadena, CA 91001	Unnamed Tributary to Arroyo Seco

The Discharger is the owner and operator of a domestic drinking water treatment plant located at 3939 Chaney Trail in Altadena, CA. The Facility is operated as a water treatment system for the community of West Altadena when surface water is available in Millard Canyon (also known as Millard Creek). The Discharger provides drinking water to a service population of over 16,000. Source water consists of surface water from Millard Canyon, groundwater wells within the Raymond Basin, treated surface water from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and emergency connections with Las Flores Water Company and the City of Pasadena. This Order covers only the backwash, filter-to-waste, and settling basin discharge from the South Coulter Surface Water Treatment Plant with source water from Millard Canyon. The Discharger maintains coverage under General Permit for *Discharges of Nonprocess Wastewater to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties* (CAG994003) for discharges from the groundwater source, treated at separate location (2700 Olive Avenue, Altadena, CA).

Surface water from the Millard Canyon diversion pipeline flows to a settling basin (referred to as a sandbox) located in the north section of the Facility site. The settling basin provides for removal of leaves, debris, and other solids. Once per year, the settling basin is drained for maintenance. The drainage is channeled into a pipe which drains onto a paved, on-site roadway and flows via gravity to Discharge Point 001. The Facility operates in winter months when surface water is flowing to the Facility's intake point. The Facility intermittently discharges up to 18,500 gallons per day (GPD) through Discharge Point 001 to an unnamed tributary to the Arroyo Seco, a water of the United States (Latitude 34°12'46" North and Longitude 118°08'43" West).

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

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Lincoln Avenue Water Company
South Coulter Surface Water Treatment Plant

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: September 10, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge, related documents, tentative requirements, comments received, and other information received on the discharge are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles Regional Board at (213) 576-6600. The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than 5 business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal adjudicative hearing pursuant to section 648 et seq. of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedure Act (commencing with section 11500 of the Government Code) will not apply to this proceeding.

Ex Parte Communications Prohibited: As a quasi-adjudicative proceeding, no board member may discuss the subject of this hearing with any person, except during the public hearing itself. Any communications to the Regional Board must be directed to staff.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:
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PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

1. The applicant/permittee

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to the above address. To be evaluated and responded to by staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments must be received no later than close of August 10, 2015. Comments or evidence received after that date will be submitted, ex agenda, to the Board for consideration, but only included in administrative record with express approval of the Chair during the hearing. Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar, and approved without an oral testimony.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will be a part of, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. Staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to 3 minutes maximum or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Parties or persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

Parties or persons with special procedural requests should contact staff. Any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing not later than close of business 30 business days prior to the date of the hearing. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on October 8, 2015. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: July 3, 2015